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Petition for One-Month Extension of Time

Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension to respond to the Office Action faxed May 12, 2004. You are hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account 07-0832 in the amount of \$110.00 for the petition fee and any additional fees associated with this request.

Respectfully submitted.

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